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Dear Mr. Giannini

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Thank you for your continuing interest in the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project environmental studies. If I can provide further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (202) 366-4040. A similar letter has been sent to Mr. Berman.

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During this time, FTA received extensive remarks on the DEIS, many of which were similar in nature to yours. Public comments received on the DEIS are currently being incorporated into the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). It is my understanding that members of your organization met with City of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services representatives on October 15, 2009 and shared these concerns. FTA's expectations are that your concerns will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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